



NEW DOCENT TRAINING SCHEDULE 2017 TENTATIVE

Spring training:

- February 28th** - Orientation to the Konza Prairie Docent Program
Overview of Konza Prairie Biological Station
- March 1st** - Tour of Konza Prairie
- March 2nd** - Role of fire in prairie management
- March 3rd** - Role of bison in prairie management - Bison Loop tour
- March 7th** - Role of climate on the ecology of the prairie
Climate change – West Loop Tour
- March 8th** - Geology of the Flint Hills
- March 9th** - Interpretation – sharing ecological information with a tour group.
Hike the Nature Trail
- March 10th** - Schoolyard Long-Term Ecological Research – SLTER overview
Hulbert Plot

SPRING and SUMMER:

Spring: Assimilation into active docenting! Now you can spread your wings by sharing a group with an experienced docent and, as your confidence gains, go solo! Dates will be arranged for observations and joint guiding with experienced docents as reservations come in.

Summer: Check the in-service calendar for docent education, social and other volunteer activities throughout the summer, such as:

- Wildflower Refresher & Spring potluck – Friday, June 2nd
- Wildflower Walk (Friends of Konza Prairie) – Sunday, June 4th

Autumn Training:

- August 22nd** - Konza Experience and hike of Butterfly Hill
- August 23rd** - Stream SLTER activities – Stream Chemistry and Macroinvertebrate exercises
- August 24th** - Grass identification and Grasshopper SLTER exercise
- August 25th** - Hike Godwin Hill Trail with experienced docents

Docent Graduation will be at the Friends of Konza Prairie Annual Meeting at the end of September. More information on times will be presented as we get closer to the date.